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RAILWAY NETWORK CONNECTIVITY TO NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to formulate any plan to connect all north-eastern States with railway network;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of projects in this regard and the amount allocated for the same; and

(d) the time by which the work is likely to be started on these projects and by when these States are likely to be connected with the railway network?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): Eight New Line projects are in progress in the Northeast Region for providing further connectivity to various states in the region. Apart from this, 6 other projects have been taken up pertaining to doublings and gauge conversion. An allocation of Rs.565 crore has been provided for these projects during 2007-08. The additional funds are also likely to be available for National Projects. The projects are in various stages of progress and likely to be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources. The projects on completion will provide connectivity to all the states except Sikkim for which a survey for new line from Sivok to Rangpo has been completed recently.